

**Golf Commission Meeting  
June 23, 2008  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Tom Galla, Chairman; Owen Evans, Vice-Chairman; Sue Casey; Ron Dray; Don Espach; George Furkiotis; Bruce Gerstman; Jim Steidlmayer

**Members Absent:** Tony Johnson

Chairman Tom Galla called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

**Review and approval of the Minutes**

Review and approval of the Minutes of May 19, 2008... There was a motion made by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Steidlmayer to approve the minutes as is. Motion carried unanimously.
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**Audience Participation**

- Mr. Al DeWalt of the Senior Men's Club reported that the club had taken part in an interview to be broadcast on the Local Channel 17. The interview was made to promote the Senior Men's Club and the Tashua Knolls Golf Course. Airdate of the interview was not yet known.

**Director of Golf Course Property Report (Hidalgo Nagashima)**

Labor:

- Director of Operations – Golf Course Properties
- Superintendent
- Mechanic
- Three full-time greensmen
- Ten part-time greenskeepers

Maintenance Department Outline:

- Hiring has been ramped up for the season with three additional summer staff members still to start.
- One full-time greensman was recently terminated. The position will be reviewed by Civil Service and posted shortly. Hopefully the position can be filled in four weeks.

Tashua Glen:

- The overall condition of the Glen is good. The tees are starting to show wear with the increased play. The greens are holding up. An aeration of the greens will be scheduled for this week.
- The fairways have been treated with high levels of pre-emergent herbicide. At these levels the poa annua will also be killed. The fairways will then be seeded with bentgrass.
- Ryegrass will be added to the tee divots to increase recovery time.

Tashua Knolls:

- The overall condition of the Knolls is good. The greens look nice and the grounds crew is concentrating on doing the basics better.
- The greens look good and more attention is being paid to replacing the cups resulting in a marked decrease in the amount of dead cups. Full-time employees and seasoned part-timers are changing the hole positions. The greens are scheduled to be aerated the beginning of July.
- All the tees have been slice seeded with ryegrass. The grounds crew is aggressive with filling the divots.
- The fairways have made a nice improvement over last year. A second cut around the fairways has been reintroduced. The fairways were hand sprayed for clover and other weeds.

Ponds:

- All the ponds were treated for algae. A new aerator has been added to pond #4.

Follow-up:

- The practice area bunker is finished and open for play.
- The low spots on the fairways have been sodded.
- The parking lot is paved and lined.
- Next on the to-do list is edging of the bunkers.

Several of the Commissioners brought up some pruning issues around the course including:

- The fairway bunker on #10 has several branches interfering with play.
- The last tree on #18 appears to be hollow and impedes play.
- The trees on the left side of #1.
- Several walking paths throughout the course.
- Placement of seed boxes should be watched for better placement.

Mr. Steidlmayer brought up the issue of the purchase of a wood chipper to aid in the disposal of branches and trees. At this point the item was not budgeted for. The budget will be reviewed for possible purchase.

Both Mr. Galla and Mr. Evans reported on the excellent condition of the course during recent events.

## **Golf Pro/Director of Golf Report (Bobby Brown)**

### Overview:

- June weather has been challenging with four rainouts and three days of lightning delays.
- The new automatic lightning detection system is working well.

### Operations:

- The Point of Sale system computers are scheduled for replacement on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Tournaments:

- There were three outings and several club events held during the month of June. Several of our returning tournament organizations are reporting difficulty in reaching the 100-player level.

### Junior Golf:

- Summer camps begin this week and are sold out for the summer.

The Commissioners held a brief discussion regarding the recent improvements at nearby Fairchild Wheeler golf course. It was agreed that Fairchild is making a dramatic turnaround and will become more competition for play in the future. The situation will be monitored.

## **Greens Committee (Owen Evans)**

- None

## **House Committee (Tony Johnson)**

- Mr. Brown updated the Commission on the recent problems with the new air conditioner unit at the Pro Shop. The situation has been discussed with the Town Engineering department.
- Mr. Nagashima updated the Commission on the repair work done by Mr. Faustini to the septic system. It was reported that Mr. DelVecchio will be closely monitoring the repairs and is still requiring some landscaping work be done by Mr. Faustini to further alleviate the problem.

## **Executive (Tom Galla)**

- None

## **Finance (Don Espach)**

- The parking lot paving invoices came in at \$77,000 allowing a total of approximately \$26,000 to be moved back into retained earnings.
- Lynn Heim is working on determining the best course of action for our three bond accounts - irrigation, cart barn, and golf course expansion.

- A brief discussion was held regarding the Ernie Kaulbach trust and Mr. Espach would look into the matter.

### **Correspondence**

- None

### **New Business**

- None

### **Old Business**

- None

### **Executive Session**

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss on-going negotiations was made at 8:12 PM by Mr. Furkiotis seconded by Mr. Espach. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:30 PM was made by Mr. Espach; seconded by Mr. Gerstman. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn at 9:35 PM was made by Mrs. Casey; seconded by Mr. Furkiotis. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Plumeau  
Golf Commission Clerk